

WORKSHEET

1. What is the speaker's last bargain? Why does he call it the best?
2. The man in the poem wanted to be hired. Yet he refused the offers of a powerful king and the wealthy old man. Why? Answer in the context of **The Last Bargain**
3. What message does Tagore's poem convey? What does he try to highlight?
4. What is a bargain? What attempts does the man make to strike a bargain?
5. **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly.

A child sat playing with shells.

He raised his head and seemed to know me and said,

I hire you with nothing.

From hence forward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.

- i. What was the child playing with?
 - ii. Who made the person a free man?
 - iii. Who is the poet of the poem?
6. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. (1x5 = 5)**

In the heat of the mid-day,

the houses stood with shut doors.

I wandered along the crooked lane.

An old man came out with his bag of gold

He pondered and said,

'I will hire you with my money'

He weighed his coins one

by one, but I turned away.

- i. What was the weather on that day?
- ii. What was the offer that the old man made?
- iii. Does the speaker accept the offer?
- iv. Who is the speaker of these lines?
 - a. The king
 - b. The poet
 - c. The child
 - d. The man
- v. Where did the speaker meet the old man?
 - a. At the seashore
 - b. At the stone-paved road
 - c. In the garden
 - d. Near the crooked lane